

Application No.: 09/578779

Docket No.: CXT-049RCE

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 27-33 were presented for examination. Claims 1-3, 5-16, 19-21, 27-29, 32 and 33 were rejected in the final Office Action issued on December 3, 2003. Claims 4, 17, 18, 30 and 31 were objected to as depending on a rejected base claim. Although not specifically stated in the Office Action, Applicants understand that the Examiner believes those claims to be allowable if rewritten in independent form containing all the limitations of the independent base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant hereby amends independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 2 and 4, independent claim 14 to include the limitations of claim 17, and independent claim 27 to include the limitations of claim 30. Upon entry of the present amendment claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11-16, 18-21, 27-29 and 31-39 are presented for examination.

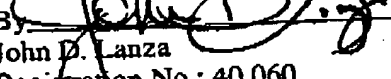
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. CXT-049RCE from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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